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## **ADEQ ISSUES OZONE HIGH POLLUTION ADVISORY FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2000**

PHOENIX, Az. (June 12, 2000) – Please be advised that the Air Quality Division of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has issued the third **High Pollution Advisory** of the season for **Tuesday, June 13, 2000**. This means that atmospheric conditions are favorable for elevated levels of ozone, which may reach or exceed the federal 1-hour ozone standard. This advisory has been issued as a preventative measure to avoid violations.

The primary sources of ozone pollution in Maricopa County are emitted from on-road mobile sources (including cars and trucks) and off-road mobile sources (including lawnmowers, leafblowers, and construction equipment).

### **Valley residents are advised to:**

- Drive Less – Carpool, Ride the Bus, Walk, Bike or Telecommute
- Refuel after 4:00 p.m.
- Don't use gas-powered garden equipment on HPA days, or go electric
- Avoid intense outdoor exercise and minimize exposure to outdoor air

Maricopa County is a “serious” nonattainment area for ground-level ozone pollution. Due to pollution reducing strategies that have been implemented by the State, Maricopa County, local governments and Valley residents, as well as favorable weather patterns, Maricopa County has had no ozone violations the past three summers. As a result, a State Implementation Plan that meets federal requirements is being submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Plan must include a 1999 emissions inventory; descriptions of measures to be implemented if the one-hour standard is violated; and modeling to show how the area will remain in attainment of the ozone standard for a minimum of 10 years after redesignation.